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SUBJECT: NOMINATIONS FOR FY 1975 INTERNATIONAL VISITOR GRANTS

1. POST NOMINATES FOR FULL FY 1975 INTERNATIONAL VISITOR GRANT FOR PROFESSOR LEONARD K. YOUNG, DEAN, FACULTY OF ARTS AND CHAIRMAN, HISTORY DEPARTMENT, UNIVERSITY OF HONGKONG. AGE ABOUT 50, BORN IN CHINA AND WENT TO ENGLAND TO STUDY WHEN 16. B.A. BIRMINGHAM: M.A. AND D. PHIL. FROM OXON. HIS OWN SPECIALTY IS CHINESE HISTORY. HKU RECENTLY SHOWED SIGNS OF INTEREST IN RECRUITING AMERICAN TEACHING STAFF BY EMPLOYING TWO AMERICAN LECTURERS IN HISTORY DEPARTMENT LAST FALL. WE BELIEVE PROF. YOUNG CAN PROVIDE BRIDGE FOR BUILDING A CLOSER RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN HKU AND U.S. INSTITUTIONS. AT PRESENT HKU IS NOT AFFILIATED WITH ANY U.S. UNIVERSITY. PROF. YOUNG EXPRESSES INTEREST IN DEVELOPING THIS AFFILIATION BY STARTING WITH HISTORY DEPARTMENT. HE HAD MADE ONE SHORT TRIP TO U.S. SOME YEARS AGO BUT IS UNFAMILIAR WITH SITUATION THERE. A LONG-TIME AMERICAN LECTURER TEACHING AT HISTORY DEPARTMENT AGREES IT BENEFICIAL TO SEND PROF. YOUNG AS IV, SINCE YOUNG MIGHT BE SELECTED FOR VICE-CHANCELLORSHIP AT HKU IN FUTURE, AND HE IS VERY ACTIVE IN ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS IN ADDITION TO TEACHING. PROF. YOUNG IS MARRIED, WITH TWO CHILDREN.

2. POST NOMINATES FOR PARTIAL FY 1975 INTERNATIONAL VISITOR GRANT FOR MR. JOHN T. THORPE, CHIEF PLANNING OFFICER, CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT, HONG KONG GOVERNMENT. BORN IN ENGLAND, JUNE 28, 1932. ACHIEVED LONDON UNIVERSITY INTERMEDIATE LEVEL TOWARDS B. SC. DEGREE IN 1950. SERVED IN RAF 1951-1955 AS FLYING OFFICER. BRIEFING OFFICER, 1973. MARRIED, TWO CHILDREN. INTERESTS INCLUDE FREEMASONRY AND A NUMBER OF PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES. POST FEELS MR. THORPE'S
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U.S. VISIT WILL ENABLE HIM TO UNDERSTAND U.S. DOCTRINES AND POSITIONS

IN AVIATION MATTERS WHICH ARE IMPORTANT AND FREQUENTLY DISCUSSED ISSUES BETWEEN U.S. AND HONG KONG GOVERNMENTS. MR. THORPE IS LIKELY TO BECOME DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION OF HONG KONG GOVERNMENT IN FUTURE. HE WILL BE ON LEAVE IN ENGLAND THIS SUMMER, THEREFORE GRANT COST WILL BE PARTIAL TRAVEL AND PER DIEM PLUS MISCELLANEOUS ALLOWANCES.

3. POST NOMINATES PAUL YEUNG, MANGER, CITY HALL, URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, HONG KONG GOVERNMENT, FOR FULL IV GRANT. BORN IN HONG KONG, AGE MID-30'S. BA UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG. AS MANAGER OF CITY HALL, WHICH IS FULLY-BOOKED YEAR-ROUND, MR. YEUNG IS RESPONSIBLE FOR BOOKING AND PRESENTATION OF ALL MAJOR HONG KONG CULTURAL PRESENTATIONS. HE IS CONSTANTLY HANDLING PERFORMANCES OF PRIVATE AND GOVERNMENT PRESENTATIONS, INCLUDING THOSE OF U.S. MR. YEUNG HAS NEVER BEEN TO THE U.S. POST FEELS HIS U.S. EXPERIENCE WILL ENCOURAGE CITY HALL TO PROGRAM MORE AMERICAN ARTISTS AND WILL PROVIDE THEM WITH ADDITIONAL CONTACTS AND GREATER KNOWLEDGE OF THE MECHANICS OF FINDING ARTISTS FOR COMMERCIAL PERFORMANCES. IF WOULD ALSO PROVIDE THIS KEY FIGURE WITH GREATER KNOWLEDGE OF U.S. ACHIEVEMENTS AND INNOVATIONS IN THE ARTS.

4. FULL BIODATA WILL BE PROVIDED AFTER APPROVAL RECEIVED AND POST ABLE CONTACT NOMINEES DIRECTLY.

5. AS OF NOW POST ALLOCATION UNABLE FUND ADDITIONAL GRANT. BUT WE REQUEST THAT GRANT FOR DR. LEE CHEUK-YU BE CHARGED TO FY76 IF EITHER THORPE OR YOUNG CAN TRAVEL WITHIN THIS FISCAL YEAR. TRAVEL DATES CANNOT BE DETERMINED UNTIL NOMINATION APPROVED AND POST CAN CONTACT THEM DIRECTLY.

6. IF NEITHER THORPE NOR YOUNG CAN TRAVEL THIS YEAR, DR. LEE'S GRANT SHOULD BE CHARGED TO FY-1975 AND PAUL YEUNG SHOULD BE LISTED AS ALTERNATE.

7. SHOULD FALL-OUT FUNDS BECOME AVAILABLE, WOULD WELCOME GRANT FOR ANY ABOVE NOMINEES NOT COVERED IN FY-1975. THOSE NOT RECEIVING FY-1975 REGULAR OF FALL-OUT GRANTS ARE PRIME CANDIDATES FOR FY-1976.

8. ACTION REQUESTED - REQUEST APPROVAL OF ABOVE NOMINEES SOONEST TO UNCLASSIFIED

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ENABLE US DETERMINE WHEN THEY CAN TRAVEL AND TO WHICH FISCAL YEAR GRANT SHOULD BE CHARGED.
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